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April 12, 2019

TO: The Honorable Representative Joy A. San Buenaventura, Chair

House Committee on Human Services & Homelessness

FROM: Scott Morishige, MSW, Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness

SUBJECT: SCR 62 SD1 – REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR'S COORDINATOR ON

HOMELESSNESS AND THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO COME TOGETHER AND PRIORITIZE THEIR HOMELESS EFFORTS IN THE AREA

SURROUNDING THE HAWAII CHILDREN'S DISCOVERY CENTER BY CONVENING

A TASK FORCE

Hearing: Monday, April 1, 2019, 10:20 a.m.

Conference Room 211, State Capitol

POSITION: The Governor's Coordinator appreciates the intent of this measure, and respectfully offers comments.

<u>PURPOSE</u>: The purpose of this concurrent resolution is to request the Coordinator and the City and County of Honolulu to come together and prioritize their homeless efforts in the area surrounding the Hawaii Children's Discovery Center by convening a task force.

The Coordinator acknowledges that homelessness is a statewide issue that impacts every county. The Hawaii Interagency Council on Homelessness (HICH), which includes participation by the Coordinator and the City & County of Honolulu, has adopted a comprehensive framework to address homelessness that focuses on three primary leverage points – affordable housing, health and human services, and public safety. The Coordinator works closely with State and County agencies and law enforcement to connect trespass and other enforcement efforts together with the offer of services and housing-focused programs, such as Housing First and Rapid Re-Housing. The coordinated efforts to implement the State's framework to address homelessness have made progress in reducing the number of homeless individuals statewide. Between 2017 and 2018, the number of homeless individuals in Hawaii

decreased by 690 individuals (9.6%). The decrease was one of the largest numeric decreases in homelessness in the country, only exceeded by decreases in California, Florida and Michigan. This recent decrease is the second consecutive decrease in homelessness in Hawaii – representing an overall 18% reduction since 2016.

In Kakaako Makai, the State assists with programs for emergency shelter, outreach, and Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD). Specifically, the Department of Human Services (DHS) administers two emergency shelters to address the needs of homeless individuals and families – the Family Assessment Center (FAC) and Next Step shelter. In addition, the Kalihi-Palama Health Center and the Hawaii Health and Harm Reduction Center (H3RC) conduct outreach regularly in the area, which includes offers of shelter, housing, substance abuse and mental health treatment, and medical services. The University of Hawaii John A. Burns School of Medicine (JABSOM) also administers the H.O.M.E. Project, which provides mobile medical services at Kakaako Waterfront Park every Thursday evening from 5:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

One example of collaboration with the City & County of Honolulu in Kakaako Makai is the partnership between the Coordinator and the Honolulu Police Department (HPD) HELP Honolulu program. HELP Honolulu pairs HPD officers with State-contracted outreach providers who participate in coordinated outreach efforts that place individuals into emergency shelter or other longer-term placements (e.g. residential treatment, medical respite, etc.) with the assistance of the Coordinator and staff. A recent HPD HELP coordinated outreach effort resulted in the placement of 12 individuals into emergency shelter, and one individual to a residential treatment facility.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



April 9, 2019

To: The House Committee on Human Services & Homelessness and the Committee on Finance Re: Testimony for SCR 62

Children's museums play a significant role in promoting lifelong learning and serve as important cultural resources within the community. Our Children's Discovery Center is the first and only children's museum in the State of Hawaii. The Center's mission is: 1) to educate and inspire children in an exciting, world-class learning environment filled with hands-on, interactive exhibits where families can learn and grow together through purposeful play and, 2) to instill in Hawaii's children pride in themselves and their ethnic and cultural heritage.

Children's museums across the country are vitally important to children in the communities that they serve. Through galleries of hands-on, interactive exhibits, children and adults can learn together through play, which is an important and the most natural way that children learn. In the adult world, we use words like "experiment," "investigate," and "hypothesize." Here, we use words like "explore," "discover," "imagine" and "dream." In a children's museum, our exhibits are designed and built for that purpose. They also allow children to use their imagination and creativity to discover things while exploring the environment around them. Here we "teach" by nurturing and empowering children ... while they are having fun and playing. What better way could there possibly be to learn!

As an Island State, Hawaii is geographically isolated from the rest of the United States and the world. For many children, this means that their personal experiences and impressions about the world beyond our island shores are limited to what is available to them within the State and what they learn or read about in school. In order to broaden their horizons and open new and wonderful worlds to them, a facility such as a children's museum is especially important to Hawaii's children.

Located across from the Kaka'ako Waterfront Park in downtown Honolulu, the Center consists of 45,000 square feet of interactive exhibits within five major galleries. It is a popular visitor attraction for families with children of all ages and a place where they can experience, explore, investigate and discover things about themselves and the world around them in a creative and fun environment where they are learning through play. Of the 125,000 visitors that come each year, 15% are in school group visits and, of this group, close to 50% come from rural areas on Oahu and the neighbor islands.

Over the past ten years, we have experienced extreme hardships due to the encampments that surrounded the perimeter of our building. For years now, an inordinate amount of our financial resources have had to be allocated for maintenance and repair issues because of trespassing, vandalism and theft on our property. Also, the area is overrun with feral cats and chickens, unleashed dogs, mosquitoes, and now rats! While the number of tents fronting the Center may be somewhat reduced, it fluctuates daily, and there are more aggressive and even some violent individuals coming onto our property now. As a result, we are finally grappling with the possibility of securing our property with fencing, hiring 24 hr. security, and replacing the damaged security cameras around the perimeter of our building as deterrents. With limited financial resources, we have been committed to trying to "do more with less" so that we do not compromise the high quality of our exhibits and educational programs.

Sadly, the Center continues to experience many challenges, which we believe are not conducive to the health, safety and welfare of our young audience. We recognize and appreciate the coordinated efforts by the city and state, together with social service agencies and health care providers over the years, however, there still does not seem to be any long-term solution to this problem in sight. We know that the process of restoring Kaka'ako Park and the area will be challenging and complicated. We also know that it will be difficult for the Children's Discovery Center to recover from the conditions that we have endured over the past many years.

Helping the homeless and finding solutions to alleviate problems associated with homelessness is a major and complex challenge, but progress on addressing this issue is critically needed. While we are certainly sympathetic to those who are in need of help, the homeless encampments surrounding the Center have had severe repercussions for the Children's Discovery Center and other stakeholders in the Kaka'ako Makai area over the past many years. Unfortunately, we are seeing this problem intensifying once again. The issues that we've been subjected over the past ten years have been physically, mentally and emotionally devastating. Trespassing, vandalism, theft, and all kinds of harassment have been bad enough; but equally frustrating, has been the inability for law enforcement to intervene effectively, due to the complexities regarding jurisdiction in this area. Clearly, there is no easy solution to the problem of homelessness and, as I have stated publicly many times, that is NOT what this is about. What it IS about is our children and how we can better prepare them as future leaders in a complex world.

It is so important to us for the Children's Discovery Center to be a wonderful safe haven for all families with children who are eager to come here to play and to learn. Our staff has been extraordinarily dedicated to providing outstanding educational programs for those who continue to come because they love the Center and benefit from our programs. To continue serving them we need help in addressing the problems that exist in the area around Kaka'ako park and the Children's Discovery Center.

We are unsure whether it will even be possible for us to recover fully from some of the challenges we experienced that were beyond our control, but ones that may continue to plague us for a long time to come. We have stepped up our efforts to ensure that the Center continues to be a safe and clean environment so that the families who use and love the Center can continue to be inspired by the programs and learning opportunities that our staff works so hard to develop. Drawing from our mission and our purpose, combined with a philosophy which is deeply rooted in the spirit of Aloha, we continue to focus on the children.

The Hawaii Children's Discovery Center continues to serve as a model for the creation of children's museums throughout China today. The first one opened in Beijing in 2015 and the second one will celebrate a grand opening in Hohhot, Inner Mongolia this year. Presently, we are supporting efforts to develop children's gallery spaces in traditional museums throughout China for early learners, starting with a science museum in Shanghai. Hopefully, one day our own government officials will recognize this and take pride in the fact that our children's museum in Hawaii served as the original inspiration for this entire movement.

While these are challenging times, we now have the unique opportunity to step up and become strong advocates for our children on a global scale. In the foyer of our Discovery Center the children of Hawaii are described as "Hawaii's Rainbow Connection to the world." We must put our efforts into working together to prepare them to navigate their world and to live and lead with their hearts filled with Aloha.

To: The Honorable David Ige, Governor of Hawai'i
The Honorable Josh Green, Lt. Governor of Hawai'i
The Honorable Kirk Caldwell, Mayor, City & County of Honolulu

Aloha,

We write this letter to ask for your support of the Hawai'i Children's Discovery Center. The brightly-colored center stands tall adjoining Kaka'ako Waterfront Park, recognizable to throngs of children who have crossed its threshold to participate in hands-on learning. Over the period of two decades, many of us have brought our own students, children, and grandchildren to the Discovery Center where they discovered how their bodies work, role-played as community workers, acted as an airplane crew member flying over the islands, planted pineapples in a life-like field, and rode in a miniature Filipino jeepney. Research has proven that imaginative play is a major component of child development. And the Center does just that — it provides first-rate early education activities in a uniquely creative setting, thanks to the generous donors, trained staff, volunteers, visiting tourists, and Hawai'i's families. We believe it would not exist without the unselfish and steadfast commitment of its founder and Board chair, Loretta Yajima.

However, the delightful sounds of Hawai'i's keiki in the Discovery Center are diminishing. For several years we have witnessed the growing encampment of the homeless that surround the building and parking areas. Many young families and schools are hesitant to return, for fear of their children's safety and health. We were very pleased to learn that a few days ago the area surrounding the Discovery Center was cleared of the illegal campers and their belongings. Yet, we also know that it may be a temporary fix to a complicated problem and the campers are likely to return as they have done in the past. We are empathetic toward the needs of the homeless and understand that it is a very complex issue. We trust that our government leaders will address the issue with renewed resolve this legislative session and find a permanent solution that will address the problematic issues in the Kakaako Waterfront Park area. Save the Hawai'i Children's Discovery Center. Save our keiki's future.

Mahalo Nui Loa,

Friends of Hawai'i Children's Discovery Center

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Comments:

Pursuant to the Legislative Priorities Action Planks of the Democratic Partiy of Hawai`i, to wit, to "rebuild the middle class and stamp out economic, social and cultural inequities . . . and make affordable housing affordable", the O`ahu County Democrats Legislative Priorities Committee is in support of SCR 62, SD1. See, Democratic Party of Hawai`i 2018 Platform, page 2, lines 13-20.

Mahalo nui loa for this opportunity to submit testimony in support of SCR 62, SD1.

Melodie Aduja, Chair, O`ahu County Democrats Legislative Priorities Committee

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Comments:

Walt Disney once stated, "Our greatest natural resource is the minds of the children!" These children, our children, will one day be the leaders of our great state, Hawaii.

What better place is there to enrich a child's early learning than at Hawaii Children's Discovery Center (HCDC), right here in Kakaako? A place that facilitates learning in a fun way, using the child's senses to explore, discover, imagine and dream. A place where a child has choices and making the right choices is important now and in adult life. HCDC is the first of its kind as a Children's Museum here in Honolulu. I see it as a world class learning facility where children and adults learn and play in a fun and safe environment.

I am Daisy Ishihara, a retired educator, an Adjunct Faculty at Brigham Young University – Hawaii, a member of Alpha Delta Kappa, an international organization of women educators, a parent, grandparent and a volunteer at HCDC for the past 18 years. I have seen grandparents with their grandchild playing together in a make believe setting of a café where grandma orders the food and the child prepares and serves it in the Fantastic You gallery. Then it's on to becoming a police officer or a mailman and going shopping in a market in Your Town. Hawaiian Rainbows offers the children an experience in picking pineapple while The Rainbow World provides children with experiences of what it is like living in other Asian countries, like working in rice paddies in Vietnam, making kim chee in Korea, doing the lion dance in China, enjoying a sushi dinner in Japan and riding a jeepney in the Philippines. It's a safe haven once the children are in HCDC indicative of their eagerness to play and their bright, smiling faces!

But getting there is the problem! Being exposed to unsightly encampments, unsanitary conditions where unhealthy habits prevail, littering, unsafe conditions in the parking area and walking to the museum among the loiterers prevent people, both locals and tourists, from going to HCDC. Clean sweeps have not worked. What's next?

I fully support SCR62 and encourage you to do the same! It is a step in the right direction! Thank you for this consideration!